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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT: RELATIVE NUMBERS OF
US, SOVIET PARTICIPANTS (08.00)

1. DURING 24 MARCH MEETING AT MINPOWER, DEPUTY MINISTER
LOPATIN STATED THAT THEIR CALCULATIONS SHOW THE NUMBER OF
SOVIET SCIENTISTS GOING TO THE U.S. UNDER THE ENERGY AGREE-
MENT IN THE PAST YEAR IS ONLY "FORTY PERCENT OF THE NUMBER
OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS VISITING THE USSR." LOPATIN SAID
THAT HE BELIEVES THAT "THERE IS NO BLAME" IN THAT SIUTATION,
BUT ASKED US TO HELP EXPEDITE SOVIET DELEGATIONS THIS
YEAR TO BRING LEVELS MORE NEARLY TOWARDS EQUALITY BEFORE
THE NEXT JCM. LOPATIN UNDERLINED THAT THIS IMBALANCE WOULD
IN NO WAY AFFECT NUMBERS OF US EXPERTS TRAVELING HERE.

2. COMMENT - WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT ADVISING
AS TO ACTUAL NUMBERS OF TRAVELERS BOTH WAYS UNDER THE
AGREEMENT IN THE PAST YEAR. EVEN EXCLUDING THE IMBALANCE
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DUE TO THE JCM BEING HELD IN MOSCOW LAST YEAR, IT SEEMS
UNLIKELY THAT THE DIFFERENCE IS AS GREAT AS LOPATIN CLAIMS.
IT IS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS TEND TO SEND SMALLER
DELEGATIONS THAN US. IN ANY EVENT, WE THINK RESPONSE TO
SOVIETS SHOULD BE TO INVITE THEM TO SEND LARGER DELEGATIONS
IF THEY SO DESIRE, BUT NOT RPT NOT OFFER TO CHANGE
PRECEDENCE ALREADY ESTABLISHED FOR DELEGATION

VISITS. END COMMENT. TOON

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